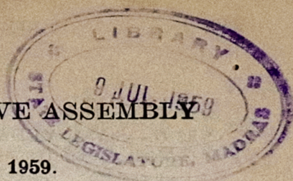


THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 7th February 1959.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at nine of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker (SRI B. BHAKTAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Independence Day celebrations at Fort St. George

* 81 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the basis on which invitations were issued to the Independence Day flag-hoisting ceremony conducted on the rampart of the Fort St. George on the 15th August 1958;

(*b*) whether drinks were served to the invitees on the occasion;

(*c*) if so, how many were invited and how many were served with drinks; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that members of the military personnel witnessing the ceremony were not served with drinks; and if so why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) The seating capacity on the Fort St. George Ramparts is only for about 250 persons. Invitations were therefore restricted to persons coming within Article 38 of the Warrant of Precedence of this State and to a few officers in the city from Articles 39 and 40.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Invitations were issued to about 250 persons for the function. All the invitees who attended the function were served with drinks without any distinction whatsoever.

(*d*) No, Sir.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: ஸார், இவ்விதம் அழைக்கப் பட்ட அழைப்புகள் இந்த நகரத்தில் தங்கிவரும் எம்.எல்.எ.க்களுக்கும் எம்.எல்.ஸிக்களுக்கும் கொடுக்கப்பட்டனவா என்பதை அறிய விரும்பு கிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: இடம் இல்லாத காரணத்தால் எல்லோருக்கும் கொடுக்க முடியவில்லை. ஆகையால் சிலருக்குத்தான் கொடுக்க முடிந்தது.